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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	6	Minus	20	0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	2	Minus	3	0 x	\$200(100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action which issued July 3, 2006, setting a three-month period for respond, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks: